GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1436
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000
GREATER AUTONOMY TO JAMMU AND KASHMIR
M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement made by Justice Sarkaria recently that it is possible to give Jammu and Kashmir autonomy under the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government`s reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Government is aware of the media reports in this regard. While being of the firm conviction that national integration and devolution of powers to the States must go together, the Government is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people.